IN THE LIFE ATLANTA

Introduction

In the Life Atlanta, Inc. Celebrating the Black Les/Bi/Gay/Trans Community. "In the Life" is an identifying term that has been used by American Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gays and Transgendered Individuals since the Harlem Renaissance.

The name "In the Life Atlanta gives well deserved respect to our ancestors; reclaims our past; promotes self empowerment through self definition; and promotes unity.

Mission

The Main mission of ITLA will be to strive to educate, to empower and inform the lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgendered persons of African desent community about HIV/AIDS issues, individual pride and self empowerment.

ITLA aims to promote unity through coalition building with existing and future people of color organizations.

Celebration

In the Life Atlanta Announces Black Pride Celebration. ITLA will coordinate Atlanta's Annual Labor Day Black Pride Celebration in the African American Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgendered/Gay (Les/Bi/Trans/Gay) community from Friday August 30, 1996 through Sunday September 1, 1996. The Theme for the 1996 celebration is "Pride is Power". Currently , activities are being planned for weekend events.

If any one is interested in being apart of the struggle to make this a reality Your Time/Service and /or Donations are needed.

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Art festivals	Health education seminars
Book signings	Health screening at no cost
Dance performances	Kids activities
Empowerment seminars	Musical concerts
Evening entertainment and celebrations	Poetry readings
Family picnics	Social and cultural workshops
	Black Pride March Downtown Atlanta (Stand Up and Represent)

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ITLA values our role as a community member and leader. As such, ITLA has supported several community organizations including Aids Walk Atlanta, The Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Center, Atlanta Pride, ZAMI, and Second Sunday to name a few. ITLA welcomes any opportunity to further promote unity and celebrate diversity through events and activities within our community.

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Book signings
Art festivals
Dance performances
Social and cultural workshops and seminars

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We have supported Aids Walk Atlanta by organizing a team of ITLA staff, volunteers, and family to participate in this annual fundraising event.

ITLA's future includes additional community focused events and activities to further promote unity and celebrate diversity.

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Who:
ITLA is a collective within the Metro Atlanta community of Les/Bi/Gay/Trans Same gender loving people of African descent.

What:
Working to develop unity, pride, empowerment, awareness, resources, positive visibility and a strong community voice.

How:
Through education, coalition building, advocacy, programs and other activities.

For Whom:
ITLA serves the community of L/B/G/T/SGL people of African descent including our elders, youth, allies, organizations and businesses affiliated with our community.